

In the claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 4, 7-8, 11, and 14-15 to read as follows and cancel Claims 2-3, 5-6, 10, 12-13, and 16-21:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A method of treating water in situ to both sterilize the water and remove unwanted odors or tastes produced during sterilization with ozone, comprising the steps of:

- (a) filling a plastic container with water;
- (b) sterilizing the water by employing a sterilizing treatment using ozone ~~or by adding a sterilizing agent to the plastic container at a temperature in the range of about 20° to about 50°C ;~~
- (c) sealing the plastic container with a cap having an interior surface comprising a polymeric blend of one or more polymers; an organic additive selected from the group consisting of erucamide, behenamide, stearamide, oleamide, ethylene bis-stearamide, and ethylene bis-oleamide; and, wherein the cap comprises an odor-scalping material; zeolite, wherein the zeolite pore size ranges from about 1 to about 50 angstroms such that any unwanted odors or tastes produced by the sterilization using ozone in the presence of said organic additive treatment ~~or by the addition of the sterilizing agent~~ are absorbed by the odor-scalping material zeolite.

Claim 2-3 (cancelled).

Claim 4 (currently amended) The method of claim 2 1 wherein step (b) is further accomplished by a method selected from the group consisting of: treating with UV light or treating with an electron beam.

Claims 5-6 (cancelled).

Claim 7 (currently amended) The method of claim 2 1 wherein the plastic container comprises polyester.

Claim 8 (currently amended) The method of claim 2 1 wherein the cap additionally comprises a cap liner affixed to the interior surface, and wherein such cap liner additionally comprises a polymeric blend of one or more polymers; an organic additive selected from the group consisting of erucamide, behenamide, stearamide, oleamide, ethylene bis-stearamide, and ethylene bis-oleamide; and zeolite, wherein the zeolite pore size ranges from about 1 to about 50 angstroms.

Claim 9 (currently amended) The method of claim 8 wherein the cap liner comprises a material selected from the group consisting of: PP, LDPE, HDPE, mPE, EVA, ethylene acid copolymers and ionomers thereof

Claim 10 (cancelled).

Claim 11 (currently amended) The method of claim ~~40~~ 9 wherein the zeolite comprises about 0.05% to about 10% by weight of the ~~capliner~~ cap liner.

Claims 12-13 (cancelled)

Claim 14 (currently amended) The method of claim ~~43~~ 1 wherein step (c) occurs within about 0.001 to 5 minutes of the completion of step (b).

Claim 15 (currently amended) The method of claim ~~43~~ 14 wherein step (c) occurs within about 0.01 to 1 minutes of the completion of step (b).

Claims 16-21 (cancelled).